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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 '07 CV 2015 DMS WMc

11 SHELTER ISLAND YACHTWAYS, LTD., a  
12 California Limited Partnership dba SHELTER  
ISLAND BOATYARD,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 M/Y SUNDANCE, Official No. 521498, A  
HATTARAS MOTORYACHT OF  
16 APPROXIMATELY 33 FEET IN LENGTH  
AND 12 FEET IN BEAM, AND ALL OF HER  
17 ENGINES, TACKLE, ACCESSORIES,  
EQUIPMENT, FURNISHINGS AND  
18 APPURTENANCES, *in rem*,

19 Defendant.

Case No.

IN ADMIRALTY

APPLICATION FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE  
CUSTODIAN AND FOR  
AUTHORIZATION FOR  
MOVEMENT OF DEFENDANT  
VESSEL

IN ADMIRALTY

F.R.C.P. Supplemental Admiralty  
Rules C and E.

46 U.S.C. Sections 30101-31343

21 Plaintiff, by and through its attorneys, Weiss & Jones, respectfully requests the Court  
22 issue an Order appointing Plaintiff as Substitute Custodian of Defendant Vessel M/Y  
23 SUNDANCE, Official No. 521498, a Hattaras Motoryacht of approximately 33 Feet in  
24 Length and 12 Feet in Beam, and all of her engines, tackle, accessories, equipment,  
25 furnishings and appurtenances, etc. and all other necessities thereunto appertaining and  
26 belonging (hereinafter "DEFENDANT VESSEL"), and in support thereof represents as  
27 follows:

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1           1. On or about October 16, 2007, the Verified Complaint herein was filed praying the  
2 DEFENDANT VESSEL be condemned and sold to pay Plaintiffs demands and for other  
3 proper relief.

4           2. It is anticipated that on or about October 16, 2007, the Clerk of this Court will,  
5 pursuant to Order of the Court, issue a Warrant for Arrest of the DEFENDANT VESSEL,  
6 commanding the United States Marshal for this District to arrest and take into custody the  
7 DEFENDANT VESSEL and to detain her until further order of this Court respecting same.

8           3. It is accordingly contemplated that the United States Marshal will arrest the  
9 DEFENDANT VESSEL forthwith. Custody by the United States Marshal requires the  
10 services of one or more keepers, and does not include charges for wharfage and the other  
11 services usually associated with safekeeping vessels similar to the DEFENDANT VESSEL.

12           4. DEFENDANT VESSEL is located currently at Plaintiffs boatyard located at  
13 2330 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego, California, 92106. Plaintiff has agreed to assume the  
14 responsibility for safekeeping the said DEFENDANT VESSEL where she is currently  
15 located or another suitable space at the boatyard and to act as her custodian until further  
16 Order of this Court. It will provide, as necessary under the circumstances, the following  
17 services for the safekeeping of the DEFENDANT VESSEL, at a cost not to exceed  
18 prevailing rates of the Port, as described with further particularity in the Declaration of Roy  
19 Hobbs:

20           a. Assume custody of the DEFENDANT VESSEL from the United States  
21 Marshal at the place of her arrest, and maintain her in her slip at the customary rate prevailing  
22 in the Port for such accommodations provided by a vessel custodian until further Order of the  
23 Court;

24           b. As soon as possible after assuming custody of the vessel, photograph and/or  
25 video tape the interior and exterior of the DEFENDANT VESSEL, and prepare a written  
26 inventory of equipment and property on the DEFENDANT VESSEL which is not installed as  
27 part of the DEFENDANT VESSEL.

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1 c. Periodically inspect the DEFENDANT VESSEL to assure her safety and  
2 security; mooring lines/fenders to assure safe and secure mooring;

3 d. Periodically as deemed prudent under the existing circumstances, but no less  
4 than weekly, at the rate of \$50.00 per inspection, inspect the DEFENDANT VESSEL for  
5 integrity and fuel or lubricant leaks. If it is determined that further action is necessary beyond  
6 those detailed herein Plaintiff shall notify its counsel, so counsel can seek an appropriate  
7 Order from the Court.

8 e. Provide at usual and customary rates prevailing in the Port additional services  
9 deemed reasonably prudent and necessary.

10 f. Machinery will be operated only as directed in a Court Order.

11 g. Provide other such services as may be required from time-to-time, by further  
12 Order of the Court.

13 5. The Substitute Custodian will not sell the DEFENDANT VESSEL, release her  
14 to anyone and/or let anyone aboard her, other than in the case of emergency.

15 6. Plaintiff, by the Declaration of Roy Hobbs, avers that it has adequate facilities  
16 and supervision for the proper safekeeping of the DEFENDANT VESSEL and that it  
17 maintains insurance policies which protect it against occurrences of negligence during its  
18 custodianship. Those policies include, among others: Those policies include, among others:  
19 (a) commercial liability with Clarendon America Ins., with a per occurrence limit of  
20 \$1,000,000 and an aggregate limit of \$2,000,000; and (b) marine liability with Clarendon  
21 America Insurance, with a per occurrence limit of \$1,000,000. Plaintiff does not maintain  
22 hull, machinery or protection a indemnity insurance. Further, in said Declaration the  
23 Substitute Custodian accepts, in accordance with the terms of the Order Appointing  
24 Substitute Custodian and Authorizing Movement of the Vessel, possession of the  
25 DEFENDANT VESSEL, her engines, boilers, tackle, apparel, furnishings, appurtenances,  
26 etc., and all other necessities thereunto appertaining and belonging, which is the subject of  
27 the action herein.

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1           7. Plaintiff, in consideration of the U.S. Marshal's consent to the substitution of  
2     custodian, agrees to release the United States and the Marshal from any and all liability and  
3     responsibility arising out of the care and custody of the DEFENDANT VESSEL, her engines,  
4     boilers, tackle, apparel, furnishings, appurtenances, etc., and all other necessities thereunto  
5     appertaining and belonging, from the time the Marshal transfers possession of the  
6     DEFENDANT VESSEL over to said substitute custodian, and said Plaintiff further agrees to  
7     hold harmless and indemnify the United States and the Marshal from any and all claims  
8     whatsoever arising out of the Substitute Custodian's possession and safekeeping.

9           **W H E R E F O R E**, Plaintiff respectfully requests that an Order issue:

10          1.     Authorizing and directing the United States Marshal for the Southern District,  
11     upon his seizure of said DEFENDANT VESSEL, her engines, boilers, tackle, apparel,  
12     furnishings, appurtenances, *etc.*, and all other necessities thereunto appertaining and  
13     belonging, pursuant to the Warrant for Arrest, to surrender the possession thereof to the  
14     Substitute Custodian named herein, and directing that upon such surrender the Marshal shall  
15     be discharged from his duties and responsibilities for the safekeeping of the DEFENDANT  
16     VESSEL and held harmless from any and all claims whatever arising out of said substituted  
17     possession and safekeeping.

18          2.     The Substitute Custodian named herein be appointed the custodian of said  
19     DEFENDANT VESSEL to retain the same in its custody for possession and safekeeping,  
20     with authority to move her to any location within its boatyard, for the aforementioned  
21     compensation, at the rates prevailing in the Port and in accordance with the Declaration of  
22     Roy Hobbs and the recitals herein contained, until further Order of this Court.

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1           3.     Plaintiffs attorney will serve by mail a copy of said Order to the last known  
2 address of DEFENDANT VESSEL's owner or apparent owner.

3                               Respectfully submitted,

4                               WEISS & JONES

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6 Dated: October 16, 2007

By 

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